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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HANDLING A PROBE

**AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

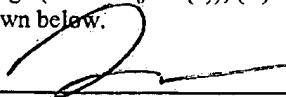
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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